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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Michael LePage, DOB 03/20/1969, of Superior, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to ten years in prison for unlawfully possessing a stolen sawed-off shotgun as a convicted felon on August 23, 2005. LePage's sentence will be served without the possibility of parole and it will be followed by a three-year term of supervised release. LePage pleaded guilty to this charge on January 13, 2006.

LePage was found in possession of the sawed-off shotgun at approximately 11:00 p.m. on August 23 in Superior. Police officers had responded to a call regarding possible prowlers and found LePage, who was carrying the shotgun in his duffel bag along with a cutting agent commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine. In LePage's car, officers located another stolen shotgun, approximately 3 grams of methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. LePage admitted having taken the two firearms in a burglary he had committed on August 19 with some of his friends.

The charge against LePage was the result of an investigation conducted by the Superior Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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